

JOHN ALEXANDER,
Marlinton, W. Va.

Bears Wanted

Jacksons Mill, Weston, W. Va.,
March 12, 1927

Mr. Andrew Price.

Marlinton, W. Va.

Dear Mr. Price:

We are very anxious to have a pair of cub bears at the State Four-H Camp at Jacksons Mills this summer. If you can in any way direct me to where we can get some, or get some for us we will greatly appreciate it. We want them small, but with their eyes open, good healthy cubs, and from such a point that we can get them to Camp in good shape. We are willing to pay something for them but want to avoid any exorbitant price. Yours very truly,

W. H. Kendrick, Assistant
Director, In Charge Four-H Clubs.

Real-estate Bargains

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IA: JANUARY 27 1927

CHURCH NOTES

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9:45

teaching by Dr. J. H. H.

You

FELLOW HOME

Elkins, W. Va.

January 12, 1927,

Friend and Friends:

I thank you for your kindness of sending me a Christmas gift on Monday. I was very pleased to learn who it was and how much you have been worried about whether I got it or not, so I will drop you a letter of

to be a man of twenty-one, to join the Lodge that is a member of. Then I will have the pleasure of saying I am the same Lodge that my father was in. I will hope then as the same that I will have the help of other unfortunate and girls whose fathers have died, as a member of No. 313. I hope to give you a gift as this Lodge has given to Aurette and I. By the way, I will give you a gift from this Lodge, and my brain working on it.

While I am doing my work, it is not very hard, I usually find my father did not belong to the Fellow's Lodge just as I am now. I just think the children here would be for this great order of

I am glad that the children are raising an endowment and I hope it will be done by the Lodge of 313. This will support the home in years and save the tax on Odd

BEARS BY WHOLESALE

L. A. Galford, of Durbin, sends in the following letter about the killing of the seven bears near Durbin during the months of November and December, 1926:

Editor Times.

Last fall about the first of November, Hayes Hamrick, of Webster Springs, came to the mountains round about Durbin and built five bear pens. These pens were baited with beef.

The first bear caught was a small one. It went in on the side of the pen, and the lid fell on it and killed it. However, the pen was visited the next day, and the meat was not spoiled.

The next bear caught was a male bear. It weighed 223 pounds dressed, and was very fat.

The third bear we caught was a female that weighed 204 pounds. It was the fattest bear I have ever seen.

Then about that time Kemp Meeks came to my place from his home at Stony Bottom. He had a bad case of bear fever. I saw that nothing but a bear hunt would cure him. So Hayes and Kemp and I went up to May to camp and hunt.

There were a party of hunters at May, who had been hunting bear for thirty days but had gotten none. They were going home the day we started to hunt. They laughingly said if you kill one before the train runs, bring it in and we will buy it from you. We did kill one before

the train left May, but did not get to
in before the hunters left.

Starting on the hunt we traveled
north from May about three miles
along the east face of Shafer Moun-
tain. We tracked eight bear that
had come out to feed and then gone
back in the jungles. About noon we
came on the tracks of a bear that had
got up fresh and was headed for the
East side. We followed. On top of
the mountain the bear came on to
our sign made earlier in the day, and
he turned back and went in a laurel
thicket.

I told Hayes and Kemp to take
stands and I would route him out. I
followed him. He went into the
worst part of the thicket he could
find and laid down. In going in I
had to crawl. I heard him get up,
and I tore through the laurel as fast
as I could go and I was soon out of
the worst part. Just then I heard
the keen report of Meeks' and Ham-
brick's rifles. Kemp fired three
shots and Hayes two. Then I heard
a warwhoop that would have made

close. When I arrived a war dance was had around the bear, which was dead before we got to him. Hayes hit him with both shots. Kemp scored two hits out of three. We realized we were a long ways from camp and supper. We started with the bear. About half way to camp we stopped and dressed the bear and hung him up until the next morning.

It was after dark when we got into camp, tired but happy. Next morning we carried the bear into May, and Kemp took the afternoon train for Stony Bottom, taking the bear with him. This bear weighed 210 pounds dressed.

The next bear we caught was a male bear and an old one. We shipped him to Clarksburg. I have not heard how much he weighed. He had both ears slit open and a scar across his nose. He was gray around the mouth, showing him to be old.

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The next bears caught were an old mother bear and her cub in the same pen. The old bear was alive but the cub was dead, caught by the neck.

Thus ended our bear hunting operations for the winter, but we hope to get a few more next spring. If the farmers would go after the bears in earnest like Mr. Underwood and his neighbors on Beaver Creek did, and stay until the bears were dead, we would soon be rid of the bears which are such a pest to the sheep raisers.

L. A. Galford.

Durbin, W. Va.

BASKET BALL

Our Marlinton Independent Basket Ball team met defeat at the hands of the crack Greenbank team last Sat-

secured enrollment cards, do so at once and get the literature.

J. H. Miller, Co. Agent

Boyd Rexrode was carrying a gun loaded with number 5 bird shot on a road on Greenbrier River above Thornwood. He looked around and saw a three year old black bear within a few feet of him and thereupon he fired the load of bird shot at the bear, and shot it through the heart and killed it. It was a good big bear. He had the hide at the courthouse Monday to prove the bounty.

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Priscilla Collins.

Col. R. I. Walkup, of Renick, saw
a big bear on Cold Knob last week.
He was driving a flock of sheep along
a grassy road. The bear came with-
in sixty steps of him and was in
sight for a long distance. It appear-
ed to be coming from the chestnut
woods on the Williamsburg side and
headed towards the fastnesses of
Laurel creek. No gun. Sheep and
dog went to covey in woods on side of
road.

counties. At Mill Gap and in a generation. McDowell, in Highland county, bridges were washed away. At Hot Springs, in Bath county, great damage was done to bridges, sidewalks and roads.

A bear hunt is in progress on the Alleghenies today, Wednesday. Dick Smith, Reid Moore, the Gibsons are with their bear dogs. Monday afternoon the word came that a big bear had killed sheep Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights near the Ryder Gap.

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